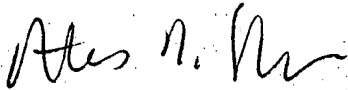
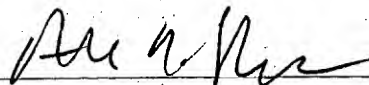


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In Re Application Of: Thomas Welsh, et al.			
Serial No. 09/935,926	Filing Date August 23, 2001	Examiner Thomas Y. Ho	Group Art Unit 3677
Invention: LINEAR COMPRESSION LATCH			
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>October 10, 2003</u> above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Date</div>			
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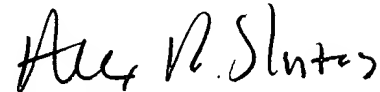
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Respectfully submitted,

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